

Docket No.: 050229-0418

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Stephen M. TESTA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3335
Application No.: 10/730,261 : Group Art Unit: 1635
Filed: December 09, 2003 : Examiner: Tracy Ann Vivlemore
For: TRANS-EXCISION-SPLICING RIBOZYME AND METHODS OF USE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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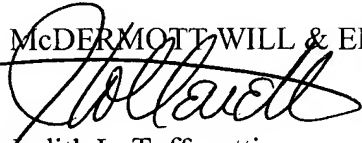
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, now due to expire August 3, 2006, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on October 3, 2006.

Please charge the extension fee of \$225.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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